

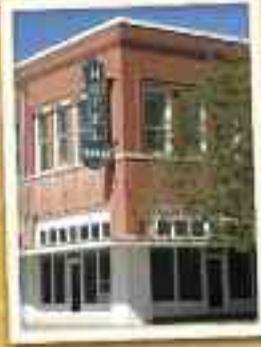
Deming Luna Mimbres Museum

Completed in 1916, Deming's former armory now serves as a world-class museum operated by the Luna County Historical Society. See historical artifacts including hundreds of examples of Mimbres pottery, frontier life and crafts.



Historic Downtown

37 buildings in Deming have historical significance, 16 have been placed on the State Historic Register, and four are also on the National Register of Historic places.



Rockhound State Park

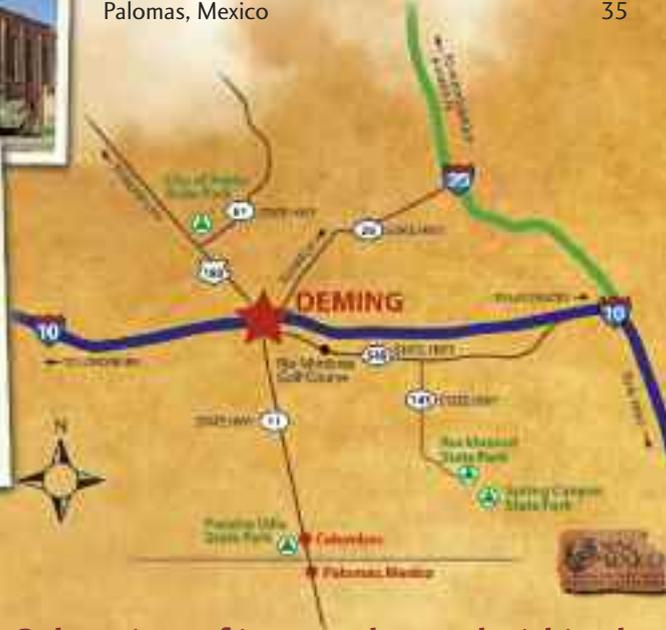
Located in the foothills of the Little Florida Mountains, this park offers a well-maintained campground, spectacular views and up-close encounters with the craggy granite monoliths of the mountain peaks above. Visitors can take up to 15 pounds of rock for their personal collections.

Distance from Deming

City of Rocks State Park
Deming Luna Mimbres Museum
Rockhound State Park
Columbus/Pancho Villa State Park
Palomas, Mexico

Miles

26
0.4
10
32
35



EXPLORE DEMING NEW MEXICO



Pancho Villa State Park

In the Spring of 1916, Pancho Villa and his men raided the border town of Columbus, New Mexico, sparking an international incident. Artifacts and exhibits about the first armed invasion into the United States can be found in the Pancho Villa State Park Visitor Center and interpretive museum.

Other sites of interest located within the Deming/Luna County area include:

Palomas (gateway to Mexico), Spring Canyon State Park, Elephant Butte Lake State Park and the Gila Cliff Dwellings.

Great American Duck Race

Every August, thousands of visitors flock to Deming for the largest Duck Race in the nation! Activities include tortilla tossing, the Great American Outhouse Race, a chile cook-off and non-stop entertainment.



City of Rocks State Park

Just north of Deming, the City of Rocks is a geologic maze of large, rounded boulders, crevasses and gaps perfect for exploration.



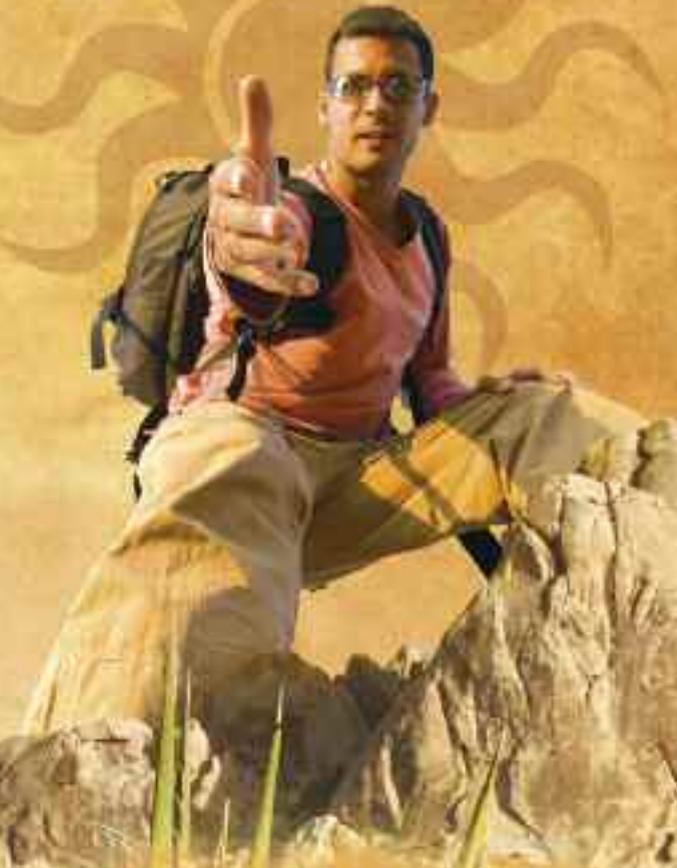
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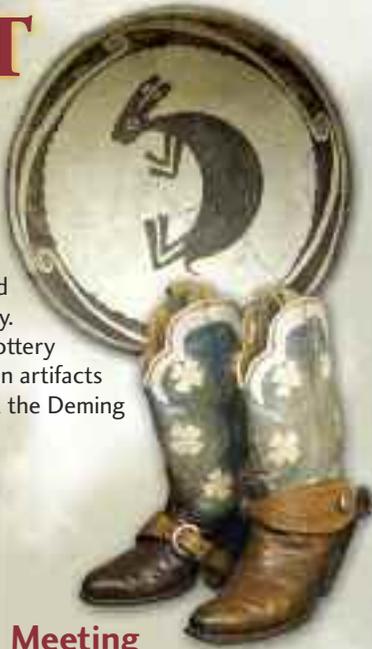
360° OF FUN!

No matter which way you turn, there's something to see in Deming, New Mexico! Whether you're on the trail of history or setting your sites on the future, you're pointed in the right direction!



Travel to THE PAST

Long before Deming became a city, numerous Native American groups lived in and around the Deming area. Pottery and artifacts from the Mimbres and Casas Grandes cultures have been unearthed throughout Luna County. A large collection of pottery and other Native American artifacts are on permanent display at the Deming Luna Mimbres Museum.



Meeting of the Railways

The Silver Spike was driven here in 1881 to commemorate the meeting of the Southern Pacific with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroads. Deming quickly

developed as a trade and shipping center for agriculture, livestock, and mining in Southwestern New Mexico.

Founding of Deming

Prior to the Gadsden Purchase of 1853, the area was an important port of entry on the US-Mexican border. Deming was founded in 1881 as a railroad service point at the junction of the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railways. Originally called Mimbres Junction, it was renamed for Mary Ann Deming Crocker, wife of Charles Crocker, one of the principal builders of the Southern Pacific Railroads.

Today, Deming is the county seat and principal town of Luna County.

The Luna County Courthouse

Built in 1910, the Courthouse is the site of the controversial trials of 30-some Villistas involved in the Columbus raid of 1916, four of whom were hanged in the yard of the county jail.



Heading into THE FUTURE

Today, Deming continues its tradition of being an important crossroad for trade and commerce in Southwestern New Mexico. The town connects with national and international trade through the rail system, Interstate 10 and access to Northern Mexico.

In addition to being an important transportation portal in the Southwest, Deming's economy continues to show expansion in real estate, agriculture, livestock, energy, retirement and tourism.



Expanding Agriculture

Agriculture is an important part of Deming's economy. The area has two award-winning wineries, one of which is the largest in New Mexico. Along with livestock, dairy and produce farms, Deming is home to the largest chile processing plant in the country.



Luna County Courthouse, now, and when built in 1910

Economic Development

Deming recently transformed an old gravel pit into an impressive outdoor facility called Voiers Pit Park. It features a large, modern amphitheater and a mile-long exercise trail for use by all ages. Additional city and commercial projects include a new water treatment plant, industrial park, a brand new movie theater and a bowling complex.



Amphitheater at Voiers Pit Park

Solar Energy

With an abundance of sun, Deming's future is looking bright. The potential for solar energy generation makes Deming an opportune location for new photovoltaic (PV) power plants and the research needed to capitalize on the "green" energy industry.

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